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SUMMARY. THERE ARE ABOUT 6,000 KHMER REFUGEES IN THAILAND. BESIDES THE 1,200 EVACUATED BY THE USG OR WHO WERE USG EMPLOYEES THERE ARE MANY OTHERS HERE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE. IT IS URGED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 1,200 OF THESE BE INCLUDED IN THE 5,000 PAROLES APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS AND THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES QUICKLY PROVIDE REQUIRED ASSURANCES FOR THEM. END SUMMARY

1. REFTEL A STATED CONGRESS HAD APPROVED PAROLE INTO THE US OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 CAMBODIAN DIPLOMATS AND OTHER CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES WHO MAY FACE FORCIBLE RETURN OR EXPULSION. SPECIFIC MENTION WAS MADE OF CAMBODIAN LEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THAILAND, WHERE ABOUT 6,000 KHMER HAVE FLED.

2. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATED ON APRIL 18 THAT THERE WERE 500 MORE PERSONS IN THAILAND BESIDES THOSE EVACUATED BY THE U.S.
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GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD MEET PAROLE CRITERIA (REFTEL C). BY

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APRIL 25 THE EMBASSY HAD RAISED THIS NUMBER TO 1,400.
THIS LARGE INCREASE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT NEARLY 500 MAP
FUNDED KHMER TRAINEES AND DEPENDENTS OMITTED IN THE EARLIER
ESTIMATE AND ADDED LARGER NUMBER OF KHMER MILITARY AND
GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO CONTINUED TO
ARRIVE IN THAILAND AFTER EAGLE PULL. THE NUMBER IS NOW LOWERED TO
1,200 BECAUSE 3 BOATLOADS OF KHMER DID NOT REACH THAILAND AS
EXPECTED.

3. THE 5,000 POTENTIAL PAROLES FOR KHMER RESUGEES APPROVED
BY CONGRESS WILL EASILY COVER THE 2,300 POTENTIAL KHMER

PAROLEES IN THAILAND THOSE EVACUATED BY THE USG AND 1,200
OTHERS)#

4. DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT THE EMBASSY MAY
ENTERTAIN KHMER REQUESTS FOR PAROLES TO THE UNITED STATES
ONLY AFTER KHMER REFUGEES HAVE FAILED IN APPROACHES TO THE
THAI GOVERNMENT FOR ASYLUM AND TO INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
FOR RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE.

5. A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL REAFFIRMED ON
APRIL 28, THAT THE RTG POLICY AT PRESENT IS TO TURN DOWN
ALL REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM. THE CURRENT RTG GOAL IS FOR
KHMER REFUGEES TO DEPART THAILAND OR BE RETURNED AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE TO CAMBODIA.

6. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNHCR HAS REPEATEDLY STATED HE
HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS OFFICE NOR ANY MEANS TO ASSIST
CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE
STATES THAT HE CAN HELP ONLY WITH TRAVEL DOCUMEENTS PROVIDING
REFUGEES HAVE A PLACE TO GO, AND A WAY TO GET THERE. ICEM IS
WILLING TO HELP ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND IS ALREADY ASSIST-
ING IN PROCESSING, BUT AS OF THIS MOMENT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE
OF ALTE
ATIPE RESETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES ASIDE FROM THE
UNITED STATES.

7. AS SHOWN IN PARAS 4-6 ABOVE, THESE ADDITIONAL KHMER REFUGEES
MUST BEET THE CRITERIA FOR PAROLE INTO THE UNITED STATES.
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THEY MAY BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR CATEGORIES FOR PURPOSES OF
CONSIDERING THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL: A) 481 MAP FUNDED
KHMER MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS; B) A VERY SMALL NUMBER WHO
HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO THE US BUT DO NOT
HAVE RELATIVES; JOBS OR SPONSORS TO MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE
FOR A VISA; C) SOME WHO HAVE FRIENDS AND/OR RELATIVES IN THE
US WHO ARE POTENTIAL SPONSORS, BUT DO NOT HAVE MONEY FOR
TRAVEL; D) THE MAJORITY WHO HAVE NEITHER MONEY NOR

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POTENTIAL SPONSORS IN THE US.

8. THE PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY REFTEL E TO REMOVE 1,200
KHMER REFUGEES EVACUATED FROM CAMBODIA TO THAILAND BY THE
USG IS PROCEEDING WELL, A E IF ALL CONTINUES ON COURSE THE
BULK OF THEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THAILAND NEXT WEEK. IT
IS URGED THAT THE ADDITIONAL 1,200 REFUGEES CITED
IN REFTEL D BE INCLUDED UNDER THE AUTHORIZED QUOTA OF 5,000
PAROLES TO THE US AND THAT THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES QUICKLY
PROVIDE THE REQUIRED ASSURANCES FOR THEM.
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